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## **Governor Doyle Provides \$5,000 to Riverfront, Inc. in Janesville**

### ***Organization Helped Assemble the Official Wisconsin State Quarter Souvenir Set; Receives Portion of the Proceeds of Souvenir Sales***

JANESVILLE – Governor Jim Doyle today provided \$5,000 to Riverfront, Inc. in Janesville as the designated charity from the Official Release of the Wisconsin State Quarter. Individuals with disabilities participating in a skills-development program at Riverfront's Janesville Work Center helped assemble the Official Souvenir. The donation is a portion of the proceeds from the sale of the souvenir. Tim Wellnitz of the Governor's Office Staff presented the check to Riverfront on behalf of Governor Doyle.

"The release of the Wisconsin State Quarter was an historic event for the state, and I am proud that Riverfront could be a part of it," Governor Doyle said. "Their work contributed to the success of the Official Release Ceremony, and represents the excellent work Riverfront does every day in communities across Wisconsin."

Riverfront, Inc. is a Wisconsin-based nonprofit organization that works to empower and support people with disabilities and other challenges to pursue a life of their choice. One of Riverfront's primary programs trains adults with disabilities to enter the workforce in order to live independently. Riverfront serves individuals in La Crosse, Jackson, Buffalo, Monroe, and Rock Counties.

The Wisconsin State Quarter Official Souvenir sets, in a limited edition of 4,000, went on sale on Monday, October 25, 2004 at the Official Release Ceremony for the Wisconsin Quarter. Further information can be accessed at <http://quarter.wi.gov> or by emailing [quarter@wi.gov](mailto:quarter@wi.gov). The souvenir set features mint-quality uncirculated quarters from both the Denver and Philadelphia Mints.

In October, Wisconsin became the 30<sup>th</sup> state to release a quarter with its own design. The Wisconsin Quarter was the first in the nation to depict an agricultural theme, and features a dairy cow, a round of cheese, and an ear of corn. The quarter also bears an inscription of the state motto – "Forward."

The Official Release Ceremony was dubbed "A Celebration of Wisconsin," and featured dance and music performances from various Wisconsin ethnic cultural groups; presentations from U.S. Mint Director Henrietta Holsman Fore, Governor Doyle, First Lady Jessica Doyle, and Miss Wisconsin Molly McGrath; and a Wisconsin Farmer's Market. Over 7,000 Wisconsin residents, including thousands of schoolchildren, attended the free event at Wisconsin State Fair Park. U.S. Mint officials confirm that the Wisconsin Quarter Release Ceremony was by far the nation's largest to date.